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Air Station shuts down 1st Bn. 25-17, 25-15

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Air Station defeated 1st Bn. 25-17 and 25-15 in an intramural volleyball game at the Depot's War Memorial Gym March 15.

Air Station is the defending champion, holding a perfect 6-0 record. After the loss 1st Bn. is 5-1 for the season.

During the first match, Air Station dominated the game with distant serves and continuous point-earning spikes.

The players' techniques and teamwork allowed them to bump, set and spike their way to victory over 1st Bn.

1st Bn.'s blocking methods helped slow down the Air Station's accumulation of points, but did not stop the Air Station from leaving winners.

"Everything worked out as planned, but we could have worked on our team's hitting more," said Mike D. Sehwegman, the Air Station

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coach. "I think we can win the tournament. Some teams lose because of lack of confidence. My team is really confident, and we love a challenge."

1st Bn.'s powerful serves throughout the game gave the Air Station some competition. However, 1st Bn. was still disappointed with their performance in the game.

"We got beat," said Ernie Chavis, the 1st Bn. coach. "I think we could have won tonight. We really need to work on our service receive. That could have given us six or seven more points.

"We've played against Air Station before, but tonight we had trouble. That one guy can jump-serve right off the court," Chavis said referring to Robert M. Wisniakowski. "If we could counter him, we'd be all right."

Wisniakowski and Kirsten A. Koch, the husband and wife dynamic duo that play on the Air Station team, said they normally play volleyball for fun.

"We played a lot, and now it's funny because we come here where volleyball isn't as popular," Koch said.

The Air Station currently stands number one in the Tricommand 2004 Intramural Volleyball League, while 1st Bn. holds the number two position. 1st Bn. played Medical and Air Station played the Band at the War Memorial Gym March 17.



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David Miller, 1st Bn. player, unsuccessfully attempts to spike the ball through Air Station player, Ray Kelly. The play ended and contributed to the Air Station's following serving opportunity. (Left) Ernie Chavis, the team coach of 1st Bn., spikes the ball after a Robert Crochet bump. Teamwork among their 1st Bn. players assisted in the dominating performance in each match.

